India's share in the world textile market

194. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:-

(a) whether Government are aware that India's share in the world textile market is only three per cent against China's 10 per cent;

(b) if so, whether any target have been fixed to increase our share from 3 per cent and in monetary terms, what is the anticipated earning in foreign exchange during 2003-2004;

(c) whether we are exploring new markets, along with the traditional markets for textile business exports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) As per the latest available World Trade Organisation (WTO) data (2002), China's share in the global textiles and clothing trade is 13.5% and 20.6% respectively; and that of India is 3.7% and 2.8% respectively.

(b) A target of US$ 13.5 billion has been fixed for export of textile products during 2003-04.

(c) and (d) India's textile products are exported to more than hundred countries of the world. However, USA, EU Member States, Canada, U.A.E., C.I.S. countries, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, Mexico and Australia are the mjor importers of our textile goods. The Government have launched new schemes for focussed export promotion in the non-traditional markets of Latin America, Africa and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). The Textile Export Promotion Councils have stepped up their export promotion effort to these non-traditional and other important non-quota markets.

Financial assistance to sericulture farmers of southern States

195. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have released financial assistance to Southern States to give relief to Sericulture farmers in view of consistent drought conditions in these States;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) what role Central Silk Board has played in mitigating the ordeals of sericulture farmers in view of drought condition in these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Financial assistance for installation of drip irrigation systems being aimed at mitigating drought conditions may be considered as a measure for relief to such sericulture farmers.

(b) The year-wise funds given from the scheme 'Installation of Drip Irrigation System' to the southern States during the last three years is given below:

Rs. in lakhs

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Name of the Scheme Installation of Drip Irrigation System		
		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
1.	Karnataka	67.50	114.70	97.20
2.	Tamil Nadu	26.73	65.70	17.28
3.	Andhra Pradesh	22.50	81.67	492.48
4.	Maharashtra	11.25	—	—
5.	Kerala	1.58	0.32	7.27
	TOTAL	129.56	262.39	614.23

(c) The Central Silk Board has evolved high yielding drought tolerant mulberry varieties and silkworm races which would help sericulture farmers in drought prone area to obtain sustained yields.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED QUESTIONS SET FOR THE 2ND, DECEMBER, 2003*

Provision for CNG in cities

†*1. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

*The sitting of the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday, the 2nd December, 2003 was adjourned as a work of respect to the memory of Shri K.M. Khan, a Sitting Member. Answers to Questions put down in the lists for that day were laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, the 3rd December, 2003.

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